



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a separator for a fuel cell comprising the steps of:

providing a conductive resin composition comprising a resin and an electrically anisotropic conductive filler;

press-molding the conductive resin composition under pressure without heating to obtain a preformed product in the form of a flat plate, the preformed product having a front surface and a back surface;

cutting the preformed product ~~parallel to its edge face~~ through the front surface and the back surface by a predetermined width to obtain strip-form preformed product pieces each having a front surface face separated from the front surface, a back surface face separated from the back surface and a cut surface face across which the preformed product was cut;

aligning the strip-form preformed product pieces ~~so as to form as a whole~~ into a plate shape having a front ~~surface~~ side and a back ~~surface~~ side each constituted by the cut ~~surface~~ faces of the strip-form preformed product pieces; and

press-forming the ~~whole preformed product pieces~~ aligned strip-form preformed product pieces into a separator shape at a temperature not lower than a curing temperature of the resin.

2. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a separator for a fuel cell comprising the steps of:

providing a conductive resin composition comprising a resin and an electrically anisotropic conductive filler;

press-molding the conductive resin composition under pressure without heating to obtain a preformed product in the form of a flat plate, the preformed product having a front surface and a back surface;

cutting the preformed product ~~parallel to its edge face~~ through the front surface and the back surface by a predetermined width to obtain strip-form preformed product pieces each having a front surface separated from the front surface, a back surface separated from the back surface and a cut surface across which the preformed product was cut;

aligning the strip-form preformed product pieces ~~so as to form as a whole~~ into a plate shape having a front ~~surface~~ side and a back ~~surface~~ side each constituted by the cut ~~surfaces~~ faces and partially by the ~~original~~ front and back ~~surfaces~~ faces of the strip-form preformed product pieces; and

press-forming the ~~whole preformed product pieces~~ aligned strip-form preformed product pieces into a separator shape at a temperature not lower than a curing temperature of the resin.

3. (Original) The process for producing a separator for a fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the electrically anisotropic conductive filler is a conductive filler selected from the group consisting of: a tabular conductive material; a platy conductive material; or a fibrous conductive material.

4. (Original) The process for producing a separator for a fuel cell according to claim 3, wherein the electrically anisotropic conductive filler is expanded graphite.

5. (Currently Amended) The process for producing a separator for a fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the conductive resin composition further ~~comprising~~ comprises an electrically isotropic conductive filler.